

MARGOT ASQUITH SAYS AVERAGE AMERICAN IS CHIVALROUS

CALLS HIM ENERGETIC, BUT LACKING CULTURE

Asserts Husbands Are Engrossed in Business and Are Blamed for Domestic Infelicity—Governor Allen Explains Liberalism.

By Margot Asquith.

I have dwelt in previous articles rather disparagingly on some aspects of things American. The crass commercialism which disfigures with hideous billboards the beauties bestowed by a bounteous nature and the horrors of railroad travel in the United States and Canada are defects obvious to the visitor. One does not need time, ability to observe and analyze, nor courage to see them and point them out.

Before me, however, is a subject that for proper treatment requires more time, more power of observation and to discuss without an introductory apology, more courage than I have. Having made the apology, let me plead, in speaking of "The Average American," a complete lack of malice and a desire to be frank without being cruel.

Americans Have Critics.

It has been my good fortune, since my childhood, to have met many gifted Americans. If it had been my fate never to have met any others than those and the Americans and Canadians who made my recent travels interesting, I should have put down the whole race of the new world not only as chivalrous, energetic and idealistic, but as a race of geniuses. I am, however, the third for truth and beauty that is truly inspiring.

There is in the American a naive desire to have the good points of his country appreciated. He is likely to call attention to some particular phase of progress in which he is interested and ask expectantly that you comment on it.

In admitting that he apologizes for them, and in the same breath promises, prophecies or announces steps to amend them. The native is much more agreeable than the great national orators of the world. Dickens and other earlier visitors to America so bitterly complained.

There are no harsher critics of American modes and manners now than Americans themselves. They are keenly sensitive of their cultural defects in the presence of the visitor, but thoughtless enough to admit that the average American is not cultured, and does not care, many Americans in public life are.

Gov. Allen Says All Day.

Among the men who have made a point on this tour was Mr. Henry A. Allen, Governor of the State of Kansas. He is a man of authority, not only intelligent, but intellectual. He is a combative man, a man who predicts a great future for him. He was a fellow guest at luncheon at the home of Mrs. Shields, in Kansas, and arrived long before the luncheon hour. He remained at Mrs. Shields' lovely home in Cherry Street, from 11:30 until 6 in the evening, in spite of having an appointment at 4. I have inferred he could do what he liked.

Kansas has recently established an industrial court, in which matters that might be brought before the courts are decided by a panel of laymen. Governor Allen is deeply interested in the subject, and wrote me as follows concerning it:

"My Dear Mrs. Asquith:

"I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy of my book on the industrial question, which I have written for me for intruding it upon you. I have so many delightful recollections of the keen and instructive things you said at Mrs. Shields' house that I cannot find myself regretting that the conversation continually drifted into general discussions which robbed us all of an opportunity to hear more of your own conclusions.

"Your generous comment upon Kansas City and the West has made us all happy, and as a citizen I can express my hearty appreciation of your compliments to this growing section of the country.

"I do not wonder that you drew from my remarks that conclusion, for I am a liberal. It was stupid not to realize that your definition of the word 'liberal' is different from that which characterizes it out here just now.

"In other words, 'liberal' is an honorable word. Over here it has come, through misuse, to denote a peculiar class whose reactions are anti-social. The Communist and the Bolshevik are all put down in one class, and the word 'liberal' is thundered at them by editors and editors. It isn't fair to the word.

"If you have time, I'd be awfully glad if you would look over 'The Party of the Third Rank' because it relates to a party of industrial peace and justice which the President has recently endorsed in a message to Congress and which New York is now trying to write into her State legislation.

"Doubtless if the law is held to be constitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States, several States of the forthcoming legislative sessions will adopt the principle of impartial adjudication of labor quarrels when those quarrels occur in the essential industries of food, fuel, clothing and transportation.

"I am sincerely glad you came to the Middle West and I am grateful to Mrs. Shields for the delightful privilege of meeting you.

"Yours sincerely,

"HENRY A. ALLEN."

Typical of Leaders.

Governor Allen is typical of the leaders of progressive thought in America—practical, energetic, capable of putting his ideas into effect. In New York, among other things, I met Mr. Arthur Brisbane, the famous journalist and friend of my daughter, Elizabeth B. Biscoe, sat between him and Mr. Norman Hapgood and had an excellent conversation such as two great observers and gifted writers can make. They both spoke in high praise of "Have Only Myself to Blame." They seem to think it was a very typical book of what the intellectual American sees in a book of the sort.

Regarding this book, Clarence Day, Jr., reviewing it in "The New Republic" quoted from it:

"In a way I don't see why you could ever want to kiss me again. Do you understand what I mean—that I feel so merged, so eternally in your arms that I can hardly believe in the process of being taken into them again and again?"

"Oh my dear, do you notice how one never can use superlatives when they really would mean something? They seem to sink away ashamed of their loose lives."

"After all we can't 'make love' to one another. We both do it too well. This is not an incident, a game, an

Italian Peasants Will Till Soil in Russia

(Special Cable Dispatch.)

ROME, June 10.—Fifty thousand Italian peasants are bent on Russia in the near future, to cultivate 300,000 acres of agricultural concession given the Italian agricultural and metallurgical co-operatives according to the terms of a contract signed with a Soviet representative yesterday. The lands are in the Northern Don lands.

The agricultural co-operatives agree to furnish the peasants, taking them from the regions of the greatest unemployment. The metallurgical co-operatives will supply farming implements, houses and other necessities. Execution of the contract depends on ratification by the Italian and Russian governments.

Deprived of the ordinary emigration outlet to America, Italy has been needing a new channel for surplus population, this being the first attempt to apply the various theories advanced for Italian colonization of Russia.

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In the drama and in the graphic arts.

Naturally this is but one side of the picture, and unfortunately, is the side that makes a great display in proportion to its importance.

There are countless men in America devoted to "art for art's sake," to use the time-worn phrase; countless men who edit newspapers; countless men who devote themselves to public service, not only with no reasonable chance of success as to the terms of dollars, but with every possibility that they will be unrecognized by the hurrying American public entirely.

It is the American public without a doubt that has established the pecuniary standard for success.

I read in the papers one day a short item which I saved as a typical example of what I meant.

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MORE RIGHTS SOUGHT FOR INDIAN SUBJECTS

Union of South Africa Requested to Lift Ban Against Asiatics.

Lord Reading Declares Government Will Do All in Its Power to Forward Reasonable Claims of Citizens in British-Ruled Lands.

[By Associated Press.]

DELHI, India, June 10.—Members of the Indian Legislature and delegates from South Africa have appealed to Lord Reading, the Viceroy, to induce the government of the Union of South Africa to remove the disabilities and restrictions that are imposed upon Indians in that British dominion.

The deputation was led by Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy and included delegates from South Africa as well as members of the Indian Legislature. It expressed its regret at the present situation of Indians in South Africa, and urged him to make strong representation to the Union government of South Africa in order to secure for Indians equal rights of citizenship.

In reply to the address presented to him by the deputation, the Viceroy announced that the government of India was in communication with the Union government and had firmly and vigorously championed the Indian cause.

Must Respect Principles.

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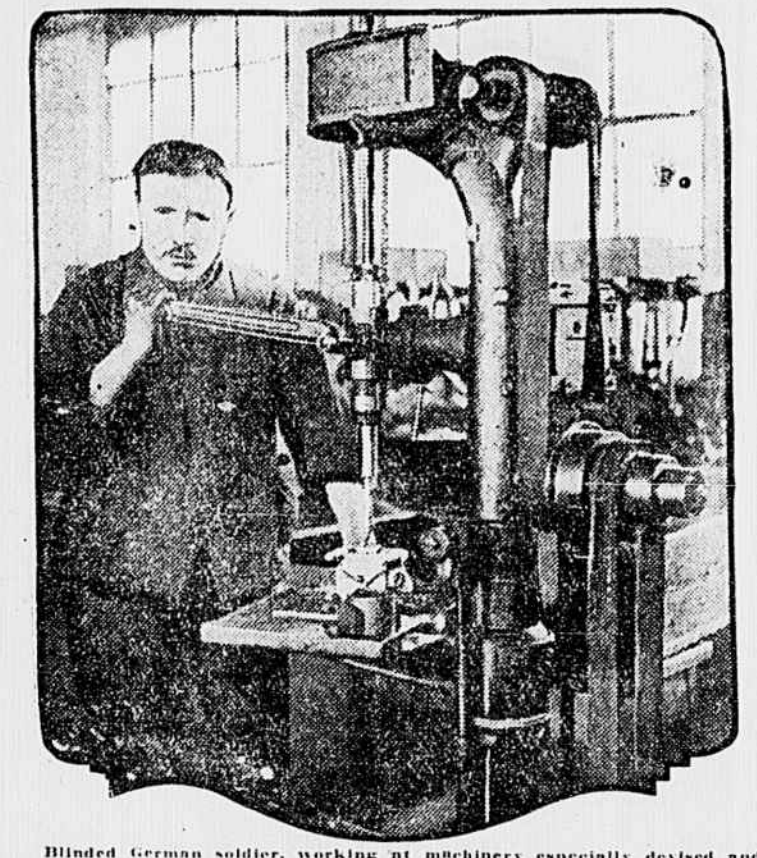
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Blinded German soldier, working at machinery especially devised and provided so that he can earn as much as a normal man.

LADY DOROTHY MILLS BACK FROM AFRICAN MOUNTAINS

Spent Week With Cave Dwellers in Search of Color for New Novel—Was the Only White Person in Colony.

[Special Cable Dispatch.]

LONDON, June 10.—Lady Dorothy Mills, daughter of the Earl of Oxford, whose mother was Louise Corbin, of New York, has just returned from the Tripoli mountains of North Africa, where she went in search of color for her new novel.

Her experiences included a stay of a week with cave dwellers of that region during which time she was the only white person in the Tripoli colony. Lady Dorothy already has written "Cave Houses" and "Laughing of Fools," but she thinks the material just gathered will be the basis of a more interesting book.

In her journey to the habitation of the cave dwellers she traveled 150 miles by automobile and donkey before reaching the last French military outpost.

No one would dream that caves could hold the population that she found them to contain, said Lady Mills. "The cave children are running in and out of their like rabbits around a warren."

In color and feature the troglodytes are almost strictly European. There is nothing either Semitic or Negro about them. Their features are rather fine, their color a pale ochraceous. Some of the girls are beautiful, with warm expressive eyes and straight hair.

Love among them is a simple affair. Marriage generally is a matter of barter and the husband is merely supposed to provide clothing and such necessities as the women want as his position allows. If he does not like his bride after the first day, he can take his presents back and send her home.

There is no such thing as modern women, however, would still stick to the man lovers after spending a night or two in their caves, separated, perhaps, from a flea-infested camel only by a hanging rug.

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Sink Jap Ships by Torpedo.

TOKYO, June 10.—Either the Tosa or the Kaga, two of the battleships to be scrapped as a result of the Washington conference, will be sunk by torpedo fire in order to study the effect of these weapons.

The mannequins were extinguished, business was resumed, but pleasure departed.

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GERMANY PROVIDES FOR HER DISABLED SOLDIERS

Wounded Men Examined by Government Doctors and Graded According to Amount of Labor Efficiency They Have Lost.

BERLIN, June 10.—Germany has factory with twenty to fifty employees to find one job for a badly wounded soldier; a factory with 1,000 has to reserve twenty places.

The employment director in each provincial organization has a complete list of all jobs available for wounded men.

Finding something that suits the applicant, he gives the man a card to the employer, and the soldier is taken on.

Receives Good Salary.

The duration of his job depends upon his making good, but German employers have been very generous and the men are eager to succeed.

The disabled man is given practically the same salary as the man who is normal. There is thus no temptation to an employer to have "patriotic" by giving a lot of wounded soldiers work—at a lower wage.

As Brandenburg, exclusive of Berlin, is typical, the figures are interesting. There are fifty-two regional offices in the province. There are more than 54,000 wounded soldiers, of whom 13,000 have been classified as badly wounded. Of these, all but 400 are at work.

Not only are they working, but they are doing work at which they can be successful in every sense. Where necessary, special machinery has been devised for blind men, one-armed men, men without arms or without legs. And at these special machines they can safely turn out as much work as normal men at standard equipment.

Patriotic Volunteers.

A department of the government nominally has this in charge, but the work is really done by an organization that has become governmentized, but which in the beginning was made up of patriotic volunteers.

Its head is Joachim von Winterfeldt, who is land director of the Province of Brandenburg. Himself an officer, he is an unusual type of Prussian aristocrat in that he has real sympathy for the common soldier.

Early in the war he concerned himself with the future of the wounded men. He perfected an organization for Brandenburg, which has since been copied in every province in Germany. All these organizations have been combined into one, over which Von Winterfeldt presides.

In each province there is a network, so no badly wounded soldier has to go far to report his case and his needs.

After local and provincial headquarters have considered the report made in the case of every soldier who applies for aid, the wounded soldier is sent to Berlin.

Here a full record is taken of his life and his needs.

He is examined by a doctor, whose main job is to find out just what the man can really do best in the way of work.

After that, with his report card in his hand, he is sent to the employment director, whose business it is to find him a job as near home as possible.

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